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USAFE Commander visits 911th Airlift Wing



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, Commander of U.S. Forces in Europe, visited the local area Oct. 14-17 holding several speaking engagements and presiding as Grand Marshall of West Virginia University's Homecoming Parade. A member of the Academy of Distinguished Alumni of WVU, the general spoke with the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadets there as well as the cadets at the University of Pittsburgh. He also provided local media the opportunity to ask questions during open forums in Morgantown, W.Va. and here at the 911th Airlift Wing. During the open forum here Oct. 17, the general spoke about the good things happening in Iraq such as the progress being made with the construction of hospitals and schools and the institution of financial and legal systems.

As a side note: Gen. Foglesong made several positive comments about the appearance of the 911th Air Reserve Station. He asked for photos from around the base to be taken and sent to him as an example of how a base should look.

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Commander's Corner

Proud to serve

I'm not sure there are words to express how thankful I am to have been selected to serve as the 911th Mission Support Group commander. As I was finishing up my academia year at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and wondering where I would be assigned, my only words to leadership were "I will go where the Air Force Reserve Command needs my service." The next thing I knew, I had orders to the 911th Airlift Wing. I want you to know that from my perspective this Air Reserve Station and Pittsburgh, Pa., are both well kept secrets. I am so impressed with the kindness of the people, the beauty of this area, the patriotism of the citizens of this community, and especially the dedication of the 911 AW members. I love it here and I am grateful to God and our Air Force Reserve Command leadership for sending me here to serve with you.

When I think what a Mission Support Group represents, many thoughts come to mind. Let's look at the word "Mission," first. The 911th MSG has seven unique missions, from Civil Engineer to Communications; from Services to Security Forces; from Aerial Port to Logistics, to Personnel – all of which "Support" the entire Wing. I take this "Mission Support" charter very seriously. The members of the MSG are here to serve our customers in peacetime and wartime. We are here to provide exceptional customer service without discrimination or bias.

In order to do what we are highly trained to do, we must have a vast understanding of the United States Air Force Core Values. From my perspective, our Core Values are ties that bind, not only a Group as diverse as the 911 MSG, but the entire Wing. With regret, I have seen over the years that some have not bought into the Core Values of "Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence In All We Do." This may be a result of several reasons – one, because we may have observed members in leadership positions without "Integrity First." Another, might be because in today's society we are taught to serve with "#1" in mind, instead of putting our "Service before Self." Yet another, might be that we are interpreting from our own perspective, what is "Excellence in All We Do," instead of understanding just what the *Little Blue Book* says about Excellence. The Air Force Core Values were not meant to be left up to our own interpretation. It's a call to a higher standard and they are outlined in the *Little Blue Book*. I challenge you to read it thoroughly and take it to heart.

My expectation of the 911th MSG members – is to not only be highly trained and skilled in our personal career fields, but to also live by our Core Values while we teach them to others. Anything less brings a great discredit to our nation, especially to those who have gone before us, to those

**Lt. Col. Patricia Blassie**CONTINUED, SEE **PROUD TO SERVE**, PAGE 3



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who have served honorably and are still with us today as well as to those who are still serving today throughout the World.

I also want you to know that as the 911th Mission Support Group leader, your commander, I commit to serving you as a "Servant Leader." You may have heard my comments during the Change of Command Ceremony. By God's grace, I will do my very best to ensure my conduct, my dealings, my processes and my relationships are aboveboard. I am held to a high standard of beliefs and encourage all of you to do the same. I am expected to, but more importantly am committed to, instilling good order and discipline. I am convinced this is what produces pride in what we do and also enhances high morale amongst the people. We must lead with Honor.

I know the word "Change" can be unsettling. I want you to know, I am not a person who wants to see change for change sake. I believe, though, that it is healthy to continuously improve and create, and move forward in positive ways. Just as our technology moves forward, we as people should grow in many dimensions and should bring our growth and ideas to the workplace so that there are continuous process improvements and innovations. If there is a better way – we will expend the effort. I am of the persuasion that nothing good comes easy – but I commit to you that as we work hard, we'll also play hard, and we'll have fun in the mean time!

By adhering to our Core Values, our operations and performance will be enhanced, which are especially necessary as we evolve through the many changes throughout our Wing. We must work together as our mission at the 911th Airlift Wing is further defined as a result of the recent Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision. Amidst these changes, by standing together, by standing strong, by performing our mission with exceptional skill bound together by our Core Values – we will propel to higher levels within our organization.

I want to thank you for your service to the United States of America. I look forward to serving alongside you in the days to come. May God bless you and continue to bless the United States of America.

A proud salute!

AMC welcomes new commander

Gen. Duncan J. McNabb took command of Air Mobility Command during a ceremony held Oct. 14. at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

During the ceremony, the general discussed the importance of the command now and in the future.

"It has been six years since I left here as commander of the (Tanker Airlift Control Center)," said General McNabb. "And it seems like I've been fighting to get back here ever since I left."

General McNabb is responsible for more than 148,000 men and women — active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilians — who provide rapid, global mobility and sustainment for America's armed forces. The command also plays a crucial role in providing humanitarian support at home and around the world. Additionally, it has many special duty and operational support aircraft and aeromedical evacuation missions.

"When I think about this command, I am so honored to be entrusted (as its new commander)," he said. "AMC is truly one of the crown jewels in our national defense. It's our strategic ability to move, and we are the only ones who have it." (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

Quick Clips

Air Force Climate Survey

The Air Force is surveying military folks and civilian employees to see how they feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the service. The 2005 Air Force Climate Survey runs through Nov. 23, and Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command to participate. The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

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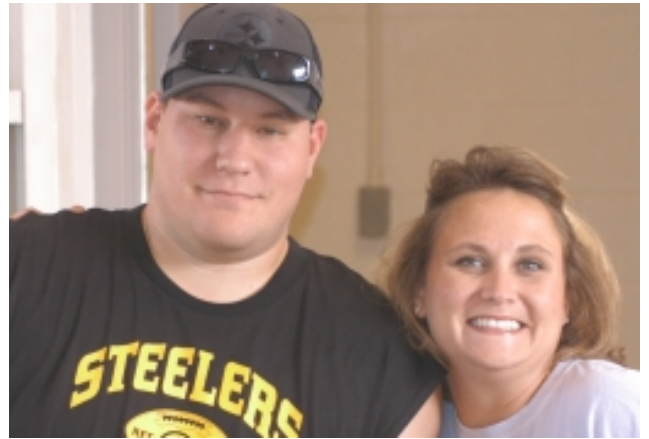
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Wing Appreciation



Above: Kids of all ages had the opportunity to try some scientific experiments in The Great American Science Show at the Wing Appreciation Day.

Below: The Garfield Belly Bouncer and inflatable obstacle course were just some of the games available for the children Oct. 2. during the Wing Appreciation Day.



Day 2005

A Wing Appreciation Day was held Oct. 2 in special recognition of all those who have served in support of the Global War on Terrorism both at home and abroad.

There was a variety of activities for all ages to enjoy: C-130 Hercules and KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft display; classic, muscle and sport car display; motorcycle display; Officer versus Enlisted softball game; inflatable obstacle course; belly bouncer; Balloon-A-Tic games for the kids; Great American Science Show; and plenty of food and beverage.



This young man seems to be mesmerized as he watches the Great American Science Show experiments taking place.

Above left: Mr. Aaron Spangler and Mrs. Amy Bright take a break from their food serving duties to share a smile and a photo opportunity.

Left: Maj. Sharon Johnson and Ms. Michele Schillig provided their skills in face painting at the Wing Appreciation Day. Here Maj. Johnson concentrates as she paints a panda on this young lady's cheek.



Several members brought their motorcycles and cars to put on display for the Wing Appreciation Day, Oct. 2. A KC-135R Stratotanker from the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, was on display as well.



This young girl shows off her big eyes and newly painted face.



The Communications Corridor

A link to better understanding

by Mr. Greg Nass
911th Communications Squadron

We are continually seeing users incorrectly adding warning statements at the end of e-mails that say it may contain Privacy Act information, etc. These statements should not be added to all e-mails and they should not be placed at the end of the message. Air Force guidance is to first insure that the recipient of the e-mail is authorized to have the Privacy Act information, and then



Photo by Mr. Bill Wilhelm

Senior Airman James (Jimmy) Abel is the new Help Desk Computer Assistant and could be the first person you talk to when you visit the Help Desk. Ms. Stutz is the Attendant Console Operator and will be one of the pleasant voices on the other side of phone.

insure the information is pro-

ected. If everything checks out and you do need to add a warning statement to a specific e-mail that will contain Privacy Act protected information it must be placed at the very beginning of the message. Following is what the latest AFI 33-332 states: When transmitting information over e-mail, add "FOUO" to the beginning of the subject line, followed by the subject, and apply the following statement at the beginning of the e-mail: "This e-mail contains FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO) information which must be protected under the Privacy Act and AFI 33-332." Please refer to DOD regulation 5400.7/AF Supplement, Chapter 4, which provides additional guidance regarding FOUO information.

Best practices:

When you walk away from your computer please remove your CAC, logout, or lock the workstation. When you leave for the day please power off the computers.

Keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for your data, please back it up often. Even if you don't think you have the time to perform this task, think of all the time you will spend recreating your work. Your WGM will be able to provide "how to" guidance.

Remember that your Work Group Manager will always be your first point of contact for anything computer related.

Any Questions, please contact the helpdesk at x8444 or 911AW.HELPDESK@Pittsburgh.af.mil. We are here to help you!



Duty

by Benito Alvarez

It's my duty to serve
this land that I love.
It's a just fight we have
for freedom is won...

No, I don't want to leave.
You all mean so much.
But someone must do it,
and I have been touched...

Yes, my life has been blessed.
Success abound...
But they would mean nothing
if fear would surround...

I refuse to sit back,
let others protect
the lives of my children.
It's called self-respect...

So, I'll pick up my gun
and carry my pack...
I'll go where I'm needed.
Time's come to give back...

*Maj. Benito Alvarez is a member
of the 911th Aeromedical Staging
Squadron. See next month's issue
for more about Maj. Alvarez.*



911th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron “ratchets up” under new leadership



Photo by Senior Airman Ian Carrier

The 911th Maintenance Group Commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Honaker (left) exchanges a salute with Maj. James N. Hendrickson (right) during a change of command ceremony held here Oct. 1. Maj. Benjamin Rivera relinquished command of the 911th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to Maj. Hendrickson in order to assume the role of deputy commander of the 911th Maintenance Group. First Sergeant for the 911th AMXS, Master Sgt. Daniel A. Schultz (center) was the guidon bearer for the ceremony. Capt. Hendrickson was also promoted to the rank of major during the event.

Take best shot at combatting last year's flu

by Capt. Lisa Clark

911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Immunizations Officer

It's that time of year again when you may be trying to rationalize why it's mandatory to get "the shot." Or you may be a true believer and can't live through the flu season without it.

You may ask yourself; "Why do I have to do this every year just before the holidays?" It doesn't make sense. I get the flu every time I get the flu shot. Isn't this supposed to keep me from getting the flu?

Let's clear up some of the mystery associated with the flu vaccines.

The flu vaccines are developed through a collaboration effort between the World Health Organization and Center for Disease

Control (CDC). The top three viruses of the previous year are combined to formulate a vaccine to combat the largest known flu viruses from the previous flu season. Therefore, you get protection from last year's version of the flu. This is also why you may get the flu even if you have had the immunization. Protection is for last year not this year.

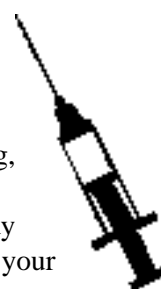
The CDC estimates at 10 to 20 percent of the American public contract the flu and 36,000 people die from complications of the flu each year. This alone supports getting "the shot" annually.

The optimal time to receive a flu shot is October and November. Flu activity peaks between late

December and early March. Along with frequent hand washing, avoiding contact with individuals who already have the flu, covering your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, and getting the flu shot on schedule is the best way to protect yourself against the flu.

If you start to have chills, headaches, fever, body aches, a sore throat, stuffy nose, or a dry cough, you most likely have the flu. Because the flu is a viral infection, antibiotics are ineffective. Comfort measures are; drink plenty of fluids, get plenty of rest, and take over-the-counter medicines (aspirin/Tylenol).

Remember, getting "the shot" is easier than combating the flu.



**Mrs. Anne Morrocco****Unit:** 911th Airlift Wing**Job:** Commander's secretary**Most demanding job aspect:**

Being a multi-function person everyday

Most rewarding job aspect:

Proud to represent the "men and women" of the 911th AW

Hometown: Cecil, Pa.**Favorite food:** Oatmeal**Favorite music:** Glenn Miller: Oldies/Goodies**Favorite movie:** Sound of Music**Who'd play you in a movie?**

Barbara Stanwick

Favorite saying: Peachy**Hobbies:** Reading, playing with grandson**If you weren't working right now, what would you be doing?** Spending time with family and friends.**We all wish you the very best!
Enjoy your retirement!****U T A S c h e d u l e**

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A holiday season message

*by Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley**Commander of Air Force Reserve Command*

As the holiday season and another year approach, let us take time to consider what is really important – family and friends.

During this time of year, we tend to hold our families a little closer, realizing that what we take for granted can change in an instant. We need to remember our friends who have endured great sacrifices or those who have suffered great loss on the Gulf Coast.

It is your realization of what is important, coupled with your dedication to duty, that enables you to serve our great nation so well. You know the price of freedom and you are willing to pay it. I salute those who have deployed in harm's way and supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as those who have worked so hard to assist with hurricane rescue and relief.

As in the past, we face new challenges in 2006 – aircraft conversions, participation in air and space expeditionary force deployments and mission changes to name a few. I am confident you will once again do our country proud.

Jan and I wish you and yours happy holidays and a safe, joyous New Year. We are proud of you and what you do for America. (AFRC News Service)

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